

## RED DEVIL INVADES.

### VIRGINIA TOWN THROWN INTO A TUMULT BY AUTO.

People of Leisurely Region Do Not Take the Least Bit to the New Fangled Whiz Wagon.

The automobile has appeared in this village, creating almost as much of a sensation throughout Accomac county as the railroad did years ago when it came and drove out of business the big fleet of sweet potato schooners which took Onancock's chief product up the Chesapeake to Baltimore for transportation to nearly every corner of the land. The auto is owned by the paying teller of the Onancock bank, says a late Onancock (Va.) report.

Occasionally a machine has been seen rolling serenely over the sandy roads, stretching almost in an unbroken level clear down to Cape Charles, but never before had a resident of this place indulged in the luxury of owning an auto. It was thought that nobody would have the audacity to thrust aside time-honored precedents and give up the little Accomac horse for an invention of the old boy.

The Accomac fancy once painted this creature black, but since the red auto came they have changed his color. The pace of the auto is most disconcerting to the natives, who are accustomed to drive leisurely in their buggies, phaetons and sweet potato carts through the streets of the village, giving a bow, after the immemorial habit of Accomac folk, to all white people they meet.

The horses of Accomac wear no breeching, as they have no hills to descend. They are strong, but they are not swift, and in these respects they may be likened to their masters.

The auto frightens the horses and gives them a tendency to run. A running horse would be an innovation in Accomac. The country is so level that even the brooks refuse to run; they simply lounge and ripple.

The oldest residents are particularly shocked by the auto. Their conservatism is equaled only by their hospitality, which is the greatest institution in Virginia.

When the auto was first observed on the main street of the village there were several carriages before the biggest store. The chug-chug of the auto and its strangeness set the horses prancing, and men and women who owned them rushed out, grabbed the bridles and looked with disapproval at the vanishing vehicle.

The news spread fast over the county, and within a week the Accomac imagination in the isolated districts pictured the red auto as a thing somewhat like a trust monster in a comic supplement, and the trade of the village merchants fell off, because the country people were afraid to venture into town.

The horses are getting somewhat accustomed to the auto now, but the natives are still timid. If they are out driving—and nearly everybody in Accomac drives—they turn their horses in on the side of the road and wait until the red devil passes. Women afraid to lift their skirts as if somebody had shouted "Mice!" and get close to the building line.

The driver of the auto is not greeted with the usual cordiality. Grandpa Parks, the oldest man in the county, always alights when he sees the machine coming, and, firmly holding his horse's bridle, he bows low, not to the owner of the auto, but to the auto itself. The bow is one of the most elaborate and ironical ever seen in Accomac, which is famous for its fine old colonial brand of courtesies.

The paying teller has hopes that the people finally will get accustomed to the auto and buy a few themselves, as many of them are quite able to do.

### SMALL GIRL UNDERSTOOD.

Thought Gentleman Saying Grace Was "Trying to Be Polite to Dad."

Apropos the rapidly vanishing custom of saying grace at the table, a lady on one of the Guilford avenue cars the other day was telling a friend how her little daughter exposed what she termed her domestic impiety, relates the Baltimore News.

"You know," she said, "Grace will never miss anything in life for the lack of asking; and, though I warn her repeatedly not to ask questions, she needs me not at all. I took her to have tea with Mrs. Blank not long since, and she was perfectly delighted. She behaved like an angel until Mr. B— bowed his head to ask a blessing. Then she began to nudge little Mabel and to whisper."

"Mabel did not reply, till a pinch more energetic than usual forced her to look up, which she did very reproachfully."

"What is your papa saying?" asked Grace, in a loud whisper.

"Hush," said Mabel, reverently.

"Tell me what he says," she persisted.

"He is saying grace," answered Mabel, in a low tone.

"Does he mean me?"

"Mabel told her no, and tried softly to explain matters so she would be quiet."

"He is asking a blessing," she said; "just saying thank you."

"Oh!" said Grace, with a very superior air; "you mean he is trying to be polite to Dad."

Lacking in Style.

Tailor (standing off and inspecting him)—You don't like that evening suit? Why, my dear sir, the fit is absolutely perfect, every line.

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## PIEBALD CANNIBAL RACE.

Savages Whose Skins Are Brown with Pink Patches Found by Explorer.

Piebald savages are among the interesting people and things of which Mr. A. E. Pratt writes, says the London Mirror.

Papua is a land of which, as yet, no explorers, not even Mr. Pratt and his son, who accompanied him in his expeditions in the virgin mountains and forests of the land, know very much.

"Fifty years ago schoolboys, looking at their map of Africa, blessed the dark continent for an easy place to learn," says Mr. Pratt in his opening pages. "A few names fringed the coast, inland nearly all was comprehended under the cheerful word 'unexplored.'"

"Such in great measure is the case with New Guinea to-day. Its 200,000 square miles of territory, held by Great Britain, Germany and the Netherlands, are destined in the course of the next half century to enrich the worlds of commerce and of science to a degree that may to some extent be foreseen by what is already known of very restricted areas."

It is a difficult country to explore, and that for several reasons. The mountains are numerous and steep, much of the soil is broken in a fashion peculiarly irritating to pedestrians, and the natives, without whose assistance practically nothing can be accomplished, are difficult to deal with.

You are entirely in the hands of the natives, without whom you cannot stir a foot. All your impediments, your food, stores, scientific implements and "trade" (material for barter, the equivalent of ready money) must go on the backs of your cannibal friends, a people without organization, who are hard to collect and hard to persuade to follow you.

The different tribes which populate the island differ widely in language and character, but all appear to be more or less warlike. The men are well-knit, strongly-built fellows, capable of immense endurance, and—at odd moments—of much hard work.

Among them are a number of curious people whom Mr. Pratt is inclined to take as a hitherto unknown human family, although as will be seen from the following passage, he is not yet quite certain of this:

"An interesting feature of Hula was the presence there of a piebald people," he says. "For the most part their bodies were brown, but they were marked with pinkish patches unevenly distributed. This marking might be due to a disease, contracted from a too constant fish diet; but if it were a disease I could not discover that it gave any discomfort."

"Against this theory must be set this fact, that I observed one man in whom the light markings predominated. In fact, he was quite fresh colored, like an European, and had light hair."

## COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

In Austria They Must Pay Taxes and Are Classed as Regular Tradesmen.

Commercial travelers in Austria have to pay taxes and are therefore considered regular tradesmen, even if they have no open business places or sample rooms. As a rule, good agents, especially if they have business houses of their own, refuse to represent firms who are not well known unless they can get contributions and warehouse expenses. They will not run any risks for firms which are unknown in Austria, and as there are many firms who will pay liberal salaries if they can get their services, American firms find it difficult to obtain them.

Many Austrian manufacturing firms have branch houses at the capitals, especially at Vienna, but some English manufacturing firms, especially in the agricultural line, have warehouses and even factories throughout Austria, and when a traveler, for instance, leaves the railway station at Prague, the capital of Bohemia, he will soon notice the signboards of well-known English manufacturing firms who do a large trade in Austria and have their warehouses even in provincial towns. Travelers in Austria are mostly hard working and respectable men, very temperate in their habits and extremely diligent. Nearly all of them travel third class on the railways and with the exception, perhaps, of those in the wine and spirit lines, they are seldom addicted to drinking. A traveler who drinks loses the respect of his fellow travelers.

## Crown of Gold.

"The late Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the negro poet," said an editor, "once addressed a Sunday school in New York. An odd incident happened, though, at its end, an incident that Dunbar laughed at as heartily as the rest of us."

"Dunbar, toward the close of his remarks, said:

"And, my little friends, if you do all these things some day you will wear a gold crown. Yes, each of you some day will wear a gold crown."

"A little chap in the front row, catching the poet's friendly eye, piped:

"My fader wears one now."

"No!" said the poet.

"Yes, he does—on his toof," said the little chap."

What the Woman Thought.

They were talking about the new star in society.

"She never laughs at jokes," said the man.

"Maybe she has no sense of humor," said the other man.

"Maybe she has false teeth," said the woman.

And then the conversation languished.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## PLANTING-TIME SOON.

Plant Sweet Peas Early and Do Not Neglect the Old-Fashioned Flowers.

Don't forget that the peas, flowering or garden, must go into the ground early. The trenches for the peas should be prepared at the earliest possible moment, as soon as the condition of the weather and soil will permit—the earlier the better, in order that the vines may make a good root-growth while the ground is cool and moist.

Don't neglect to plant plenty of the dear old "grandmother's garden" flowers; and remember the fragrant ones as well as those for show only. Plant some scented foliage plants. The old lemon verbenas are one of the best. Some of our most popular flowering plants of to-day are the old kinds our mothers loved. These plants "seldom die and never resign" their office of beauty-bearing.

Lettuce is easily started in boxes in the house, or, if there is a furnace in the cellar, with a window in the apartment through which the sun may reach the box part of the day, the boxes may be set there, and when the ground gets in condition to work the lettuce should be ready to transplant. All hardy vegetables, such as beets, radishes, turnips, peppers, etc., can be started in the house with much saving of time.

The common ruffled parsley, used so freely as a garnish for many dishes and is so flavoring for others, is easily raised. Seeds should be sown early in boxes in the house, or in the hot bed, or later, in the open ground. The seeds germinate readily. When fully grown, cold and freezing weather does not harm the parsley, and it can be had green all winter if given a little protection. A sprig of it suits well to put in bouquets, or in the vase. It is useful, ornamental and easily grown. Do plant a few seeds of it.

For either the flower or vegetable garden, prepare the ground, get good seeds, plant generously to allow for many mishaps, give good cultivation, and you will find yourself well repaid for money, care or exertion. Don't neglect the garden.—The Commoner.

## ONIONS FOR PNEUMONIA.

New England Physician Won Renown by Simple Remedies and Found This One Most Successful.

Owing to the prevalence of pneumonia and the great mortality which attends its ravages during the winter and spring, several boards of health in northern New Jersey have been taking measures to protect the citizens of their towns from the disease. The health board of Washington, N. J., has published a remedy which is said to be a sure cure for pneumonia, and other health boards are looking into the matter with a view of having the same thing published for the good of the general public. This is the publication as it has appeared in the papers of Washington:

"Take six to ten onions, according to size, and chop fine, put in a large spider over a hot fire, then add the same quantity of rye meal and vinegar enough to form a thick paste. In the meanwhile stir it thoroughly, letting it simmer five or ten minutes. Then put in a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs and apply to chest as hot as patient can bear. In about ten minutes apply another, and thus continue by repeating the poultices, and in a few hours the patient will be out of danger. This simple remedy has never failed to cure this too often fatal malady. Usually three or four applications will be sufficient, but continue always until the perspiration starts freely from the chest. This remedy was formulated many years ago by one of the best physicians New England has ever known, who never lost a patient by the disease, and won his renown by simple remedies."

## TO EAT WITH FINGERS.

Celery, which may properly be placed on the tablecloth beside the plate.

Lettuce, which should be dipped in the dressing or in a little salt.

Asparagus, whether hot or cold, when served whole, as it should be.

Strawberries, when served with the stems on, as they usually are in the most elegant homes.

Bread, toast, tarts and all small cakes.

Fruits of all kinds, except melons and preserves, which are eaten with a spoon.

Cheese, which is almost invariably eaten with the fingers by the most particular people.—Chicago Daily News.

## Leather Chairs.

To clean and polish the leather coverings of chairs, etc., mix together equal parts of vinegar and linseed oil. Apply very sparingly with a piece of flannel and polish with a soft cloth. The same treatment is excellent for French polished furniture, but it must be remembered that the vinegar and oil mixture is to be applied sparingly, and that "elbow grease" is to be used generously.

## Cake-Making Hints.

The fruit in solid cakes will sink to the bottom if they are put in a slow oven. Heavy streaks through a cake will undoubtedly appear if the butter and sugar are not thoroughly beaten or if the butter is not properly rubbed into the flour.

## Fish Salad.

Mix with chopped fish an equal quantity of cut celery, chopped cabbage or shredded lettuce. Three salt anchovies chopped with a dozen capers may be added before mixing in the dressing.

## Nails in Ink Bottle.

Ink will not corrode pens if a bit of iron (nails or tacks will do) is kept in the bottle.

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